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Coast Guardsmen train aboard NAVSTA Ingleside

United States Coast Guard Cutter Cypress (WLB 210) pulled into Naval Station Ingleside July 12 so that crew members could take advantage of the damage control and firefighting training opportunities available here.

Center for Naval Engineering Learning Site Ingleside instructors are providing training on general shipboard damage control, basic chemistry of a fire and personal protective equipment, from 6 to 9 a.m., and then affording the students hands-on shipboard firefighting and wild hose training until 11 a.m., to the nearly 50 coast guardsmen.

According to Cypress' Commanding Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Samuel R. Jordan, this is essential crew training and the Coast Guard doesn't have the training facilities. This is a great opportunity -- to stop, visit and give his entire crew necessary training.

Cypress is homeported in Mobile, Ala. The ship's primary mission is servicing and maintaining aids to navigation, but is also equipped to perform search and rescue, law enforcement, homeland security, pollution response, and domestic icebreaking missions.

Cypress is the tenth cutter of the Juniper Class of seagoing buoy tenders. She was delivered to the Coast Guard on June 24, 2002. Her main operating area stretches along 340 miles of the Gulf Coast from Apalachicola, Fla., to the Mississippi River where she is responsible for maintaining 120 floating aids to navigation.